



**NEWSLETTER  
THE PARISHES OF  
OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG  
ST. ROBERT ABERKENFIG**

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<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017</b>  <b>MAESTEG - RETIRING COLLECTION LEVY FUND</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 9 am</b>	<b>People of the Parishes</b>
	<b>Maesteg 11 am</b>	<b>Tranquillo Tambini RIP (CT)</b> <b>Readers: Maria Browne &amp; Janet Butler. BP Ray Rees</b>
	<b>Maesteg 4.45 pm</b>  <b>BAPTISM 12.30 PM</b>	<b>Stephen Mark Walsh RIP (SW)</b> <b>Readers: Jessica, Lucy &amp; Mathew</b>  <b>Mariama Mendy</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>  <b>Church will not be open today due to repair works.</b>	<b>Maesteg 5.30 pm 6 pm</b>  <b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Mass - Tom Bumford (RIP) (R&amp;P)</b> <b>Reader: Michelle Bumford</b>  <b>LENTEN TALK</b> <b>Followed by Soup &amp; Roll</b> <b>(list available at back of Church)</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>Maesteg 9.15 am</b>  <b>Aberkenfig 10.30 am</b>	<b>Connie Maroney RIP (TM)</b> <b>Reader: Tess White</b>  <b>Sullivan Family</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>7.30 am Maesteg</b>  <b>9.15 am Maesteg</b>	<b>Special Intention (MB)</b>  <b>Patrick &amp; Mary Kehoe RIP (KK)</b> <b>Reader: Jacqui Summers</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>Maesteg 9.15 am</b>  <b>Aberkenfig 5.45 pm</b>  <b>Aberkenfig 6.30 pm</b>	<b>Canon Felix Connolly RIP (MB)</b>  <b>CONFESSIONS</b>  <b>Holy Souls RIP</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b>  <b>Maesteg 10.30 am</b>	<b>Alison Francis RIP (AT)</b> <b>Reader: Tess White</b>  <b>Stations of the Cross/Exposition to 3.30 pm</b>
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>Maesteg 10 am</b> <b>10.45 - 11.15 am</b> <i>Confessions and Exposition</i>	<b>Terry &amp; Nance Hayes</b> <b>Reader: Jessica &amp; Lucy</b>
<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD 9<sup>TH</sup> April 2017</b>	<b>Aberkenfig 9 am</b>	<b>People of the Parishes</b>
<b>Our Lady &amp; St Patrick Parish Blessed Sacrament Lamp: Special Intention (MB) Our Lady's Lamp: Sick of the Parish</b>	<b>Maesteg 11 am</b>	<b>Ann Doyle RIP (R&amp;BJ)</b> <b>Readers: To be confirmed.</b>
	<b>Maesteg 4.45 pm</b>	<b>Forgotten Dead RIP (MB)</b> <b>Readers: Anthony Petty</b>



## **Risen. The Mysteries of the Resurrection**

To bring our Lenten journey towards its close, on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, we shall be showing the film 'RISEN', starring Joseph Finnes and Tom Felton. Risen is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer, Clavius, a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aid Lucius, who are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumours of the risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

Starting promptly at 6.30pm with soup, a roll and a glass of wine, our film begins at 7.15pm, finishing at 9.40pm approximately. There are 30 places only available - donation of £4.00 to Lenten Alms Appeal.

Register at the back of church.

**TRIDUUM** - The Sacred Triduum is the great three days where we join closely with Our Lord in his Passion, Death and Resurrection bringing us into the full glory and light of the new life of Easter. The Triduum itself is one long service celebrated over three days starting with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening and coming to completion in the Easter Vigil. A lot of preparation goes into this most Sacred celebration. Sign up sheets for the various ministries in the celebrations are now available at the back of the church in Maesteg. Everyone (both Maesteg and Aberkenfig) is welcome to take an active part in the celebrations. If anyone from Aberkenfig would like to take part in one of the roles please speak to Fr Michael or Bernadette and we will get your names on the list.

**CHRISM MASS** - A general reminder that you are invited to join the Archbishop, Clergy and people of the Diocese at St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff, for the Annual Mass of Chrism on Wednesday 12th April at 11:30am. During the Mass the Archbishop will bless the oils to be used in the Sacraments throughout the coming year, and the priests will renew the ordination promises. Please do try to get to this important act of the Diocese if you possibly can.

**THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?** The next round of preparations for those who wish to become members of the Catholic Church will be starting in the Easter Season. If you or anyone you know is considering becoming a member of the Catholic Church why not make yourself known to Fr. Michael and have that initial chat? Thousands of people each year take the step, welcome home.

**Prayer Intentions** - We have recently introduced into the weekday Mass a slot for prayers for the sick and the deceased. If you have anyone to be added to our list of sick who need praying for by name please let Fr. Michael know to add them to the list. Please also advise when they can be removed else the list will get impossibly long!

## **PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST PATRICK MAESTEG**

**THANKS FROM MARIA, ROSA AND SILVANA** for your kindness, the many messages of sympathy, Mass Cards and for your attendance at Tranquilla's Requiem Mass.

**EASTER RAFFLE BOOKS AVAILABLE £1 per book. LAST WEEK TO SELL THEM. DRAW MONDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.**

**PARISH COLLECTIONS 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Gift Aid £348.00, Loose/Planned, £106.50, Restoration £448.40,

## **PARISH OF ST ROBERT ABERKENFIG**

1. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 6.30p.m.
2. **MANY THANKS:** to those who supported the two Lenten breakfasts held here - a total of £123 has been raised for the Archdiocesan Syrian Refugee Fund.
3. **ABERKENFIG AND DISTRICT UNITED CHURCHES ( ADUC ):** Lenten lunches take place on Saturdays during Lent from 12 noon until 1:15p.m, Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> Nazareth Baptist, Bryncethin All welcome.
4. **CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER:** inside and outside Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 9a.m. Please come along if you can spare some time and help prepare our Church for the great feast of Easter.
5. **LIST:** as mentioned on last week's newsletter, if you would like your name included for the Triduum in Maesteg then please fill in availability on the list at the back of the Church. Many thanks.